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USING COMMUNICATION NETWORK BETWEEN COMPUTERS, AND METHOD FOR
RELAYING INFORMATION FOLLOWING BUYER CONSUMPTION TRENDS TO THE
BUYER

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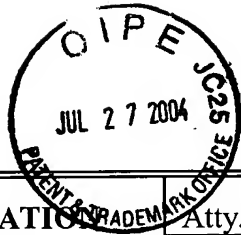
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